

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed on February 6, 2004 included an Examiner's Amendment canceling claims 7, 8, 10 – 42, 50 – 55, 58 – 63, 71 – 76, 79 – 84 and 95 – 101 as being "drawn to a non-elected embodiment, elected without traverse."

Applicant agrees that claims 12 – 42 are directed to a non-elected embodiment and, therefore, cancellation of claims 12 – 42 is proper. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the cancellation of claims 7, 8, 10 – 11, 50 – 55, 58 – 63, 71 – 76, 79 – 84 and 95 – 101, on the grounds that these claims were withdrawn in response to a species restriction, and that these claims are dependent on allowed generic claims. Applicant has amended certain of these claims for consistency with other claim amendments made previously during the prosecution of the already-allowed claims.

In sum, Applicant respectfully requests re-introduction and allowance of claims 7, 8, 10 – 11, 50 – 55, 58 – 63, 71 – 76, 79 – 84 and 95 – 101. Applicant further requests a Supplemental Notice of Allowability reflecting the reintroduction and allowance of these claims as well as the previously allowed claims.

Conclusion

Claims 7-8, 10-11, 50-55, 58-63 are amended herein. Claims 1-11, 43-84 and 94-102 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that these changes do not introduce new matter, and the claims are allowable without further search or consideration. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 312, and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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